

Fourth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects 15 November 2011

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Review of the scope and operation of the Convention and its annexed protocols

**Draft
Decision on the status of the original Protocol II**

Submitted by the Coordinator¹ of Amended Protocol II

The following draft text is proposed to be included in the Final Document of the CCW Fourth Review Conference:

The Fourth Review Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects:

1. *Recalling* the adoption of the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on Use of Mines, Booby –Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects.
2. *Mindful* of the fact that the provisions of Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996 (Amended Protocol II) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects strengthens the humanitarian objectives of preventing the harmful effects of the use of mines, booby-traps and other devices on the civilian population.
3. *Decides* to encourage States that have not yet done so to accede to Amended Protocol II and calls upon States to refrain from acceding to the original Protocol II.
4. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter and to review the status of the original Protocol II at future Review Conferences.

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